

BRIEF TELEGRAMS.

Mrs. Langtry, the actress, was a passenger on the steamer Celtic, which arrived at New York from Liverpool.

Premier Balfour is confined to his bed at Whittingham, Scotland. He is suffering from a sharp attack of influenza.

Mme. Duse, the celebrated actress, has complimented a Chicago girl, Miss Italia Blair, by asserting her to be the most beautiful woman she has ever seen.

The Red Cross society is sending representatives to Andijan to organize relief for the earthquake sufferers and has contributed \$17,500 to the relief fund.

The British steamer Straits of Dover, from Savannah, arrived at Bremen. The report that she was on fire December 22, when passing the Lizard, was erroneous.

Mrs. Louisa Grueschow of Lyons, N. Y., 70 years of age, died from the result of an operation rendered necessary by the effects of a scratch made by a cat two months ago.

Miss Mary Andrews of Hamilton, Ohio, has been installed minister of the First Universalist church in Kansas City, the first woman preacher in the state of Missouri.

Berlin papers say that Prince Henry of Prussia is going to the United States in 1904 to visit the St. Louis exposition and unveil the veterans monument in Philadelphia.

Count Tolstol has sent a personal appeal to the press asking the papers, in view of his advanced age and illnesses, not to publish any further reports of his condition, as they cause him pain.

R. R. Cable, for many years chairman of the Rock Island board of directors, has resigned that position and been elected chairman of the executive committee. He is now seventy years old.

General Leonard Wood has accepted an invitation of the Kansas Day club to respond to a toast at their banquet January 29. General Funston and Galusha A. Grow will also probably be present.

L. M. Crawford, owner and manager of the opera house at Topeka, was arrested by the police on the charge of running a Sunday theater in violation of law. Topeka has an ordinance against Sunday theaters.

A smooth swindler victimized a number of people at Miami, Fla., by impersonating Governor Beckham of Kentucky. His partiality for Kentucky Bourbon convinced his dupes at first that he was as he represented himself, but subsequent discoveries proved otherwise.

The cable ship Newington, which arrived at St. Lucia, B. W. I., reported having passed Mont Pelee, Island of Martinique. The volcano was then in violent eruption. Dense clouds of gray smoke and dust are pouring forth from the crater and ascending to an enormous height.

The suit against J. P. Morgan, brought by Harry Nevilson, for the alleged failure of the financier to provide heat in an apartment leased by Nevilson, has been settled out of court. Mr. Morgan's agents promised that there would be an ample supply of coal in the house.

In accordance with her wishes the body of Mrs. Jessie Benton Fremont will be cremated. Mrs. Fremont had left in a safety deposit vault simple but explicit directions for the disposition of her remains, and her wishes will be carried out. Her ashes are to be buried beside the grave of General Fremont on the Hudson.

All over Mexico President Diaz is pushing vast works of public improvement. Railroads especially are being extended, and it is expected that ere long Chicago and the City of Mexico will be but four days apart. General Diaz is now 72 year old, but never rests from his self-imposed task of modernizing the sister republic.

Papers found in the effects of Geo. Pleydell, who was frozen to death on Christmas eve, almost within reach of his own doorway, at Duluth, Minn., indicate that he was the son of Major Thomas B. Pleydell, of Acton, Middlesex, England, formerly of the royal army and a man of wealth. In early life, Pleydell was at the head of a tea and coffee importing house in London, but reverses carried away all of his fortune. He came to America in an attempt to recuperate his reverses, but met with no success and was finally compelled to eke out an existence as a sailor on the Great Lakes. A short time ago, the papers stated, his mother died in England, leaving Pleydell a share of an estate in Rockhampton, Queensland, said to be valued at over \$200,000. The legacy would have been paid next July.

HOLD RECEPTION

PRESIDENT AND MRS. ROOSEVELT GREET MANY PEOPLE.

CROWD IS VERY COSMOPOLITAN

High and Low, Rich and Poor, All Were Greeted with Sincere Cordiality by the Chief Executive and His Wife.

WASHINGTON.—President Roosevelt's reception was one of the most brilliant events in Washington's recent social history.

All callers were afforded the opportunity of greeting the president and Mrs. Roosevelt and exchanging with them the compliments of the New Year. No distinctions were made, except such as were rendered necessary in preservation of order, and the greetings extended to all—high and low, rich and poor—were alike cordial and sincere.

The general public, for the first time, had an opportunity to see the widely heralded improvements in the white house—improvements which, when completed, will have cost about \$600,000. In addition to a desire, personally, to wish the president and Mrs. Roosevelt a happy New Year, hundreds were attracted by a wish to see the white house in its new and handsome interior furnishings.

To many who were familiar with the interior of the mansion as it was a year ago the change made was a revelation. While in a general way the form of the interior has been retained in beauty and effectiveness, it is wholly different.

An hour before the time for the reception the mansion was aglow with myriads of electric lights. Towering palms of rare varieties were placed in niches about the vestibule, main corridor and staircases. Two great square masses of American and English holly were arranged between the vestibule and main corridor, affording a brilliant and effective background for the handsome scarlet uniforms of the Marine band, sixty strong, which occupied the tiers of seats in the vestibule.

In the red, blue and green rooms, and in the splendid east room were disposed a few vases containing cut flowers, principally white lilies and lilies of the valley. It was noticed, however, that the floral decorations had been subordinated to the new furnishings and finishings of the rooms.

At 11 o'clock the trumpeters of the Marine band sounded a fanfare, announcing the approach of the president and Mrs. Roosevelt and the immediate receiving party.

President Roosevelt, with Mrs. Roosevelt on his arm, descended the main staircase and, passing along the main corridor and through the green room, entered the blue room, where the guests were received.

Following them came the members of the cabinet and women. The receiving party were arranged in the arc of a circle in the bay window of the blue room. Facing them were the women invited to assist. Between the two sections of the receiving party a lane was formed by cordons of old gold velvet. Through this line the callers passed from the red room, proceeding through the green room into the east room and thence down the staircase into the east terrace, and passing into the street opposite the west entrance of the treasury.

The president was in excellent spirits and Mrs. Roosevelt never seemed happier or more gracious. The president was attired in a frock suit and the only dash of color about his attire was a tie of grayish tint.

REASON COAL IS HIGH.

Committee of Chicago City Council Makes Investigation.

CHICAGO.—Testimony from witnesses representative of the mine owners, wholesalers and retailers of coal was heard Friday by the city council committee on railroads, having in charge the inquiry into the cause of the present high prices of soft coal. Out of 150 invitations sent out by the committee nearly forty were responded to.

The committee interrogated the dealers, but all the testimony was to the effect that a combination of economic causes and the law of supply and demand have caused the present lack of coal and consequent high prices.

Philippine Forests Valuable.

SAN FRANCISCO, Two representatives of the forestry division at Washington, who have been making a preliminary survey of the wooded sections of the Philippines for the government, arrived from the Orient on the Japanese liner American Maru Friday. Both gentlemen are enthusiastic in speaking of the wonderful extent and value of the forests in the islands. Their report will be of value to lumbermen and others who are interested in developing the resources of the new possessions.

AVENGE POLICEMAN'S DEATH.

Mob Lynches a Kansas Negro Who Committed Murder.

PITTSBURG, Kan.—Montgomery Godley, a negro, was taken from the jail here Thursday and lynched by a mob because early in the morning he shot and killed Milton Hinkle, a policeman, who was trying to protect himself against a crowd of unruly blacks.

The negro jerked the officer's pistol from the holster and shot him with it from behind. Two hours later a mob gathered and took Godley from the city jail, where he had been incarcerated, and hanged him to a telephone pole. As he was choking to death one of the members of the mob cut his throat and ended his sufferings.

A large number of negro men and women from the various mining camps in the vicinity, among them Mont and Joe Godley, brothers, were drinking and carousing at a ball. Hinkle requested them to be quiet. The Godley brothers answered him in an insulting and insolent manner and he tried to arrest them. They resisted and Hinkle blew his whistle for help. He then began to use his club in order to protect himself from the onslaught of the crowd. He was holding his own against three of them when "Mont" Godley grabbed the officer's revolver, and, placing the muzzle behind Hinkle's right ear, pulled the trigger. The ball passed through his head and came out over the left eye. He fell to the sidewalk. Other officers pursued the negroes, all of whom started to run when the officer fell. The Godley brothers were both captured and locked up in the city jail. Hinkle was carried to the city hall, where he died at 2 o'clock.

CATTLE DISEASE COSTLY.

Will Take Much Money to Keep It From Spreading.

WASHINGTON.—While the importance of the subject is not generally appreciated, it is still a fact that no other matter has come up in congress at this session which is of greater moment than the proposition to spend \$1,000,000 in an attempt to stamp out the cattle disease which has broken out in New England. Thus far the foot and mouth disease, as it is called, is practically confined to Massachusetts and Vermont. It was, without doubt, brought to Boston from Europe in the fodder of a consignment of horses. Just as soon as the department of agriculture learned of the outbreak prompt steps were taken to prevent its spread. But it is estimated that there are at least 15,000 cattle suffering from the disease in the states named. Many affected animals have been transported from place to place in railroad cars and these cars doubtless contain the germs, which may readily be carried to every state in the union. It will cost the federal government more than \$500,000 to pay for the cattle which must be slaughtered and buried in New England alone. Should the disease spread, ten times that sum would scarcely pay a tithe of the cost which the government will incur in enforcing the provisions of the law applicable to cattle disease.

Miners Want More Pay.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill.—W. D. Ryan, secretary-treasurer of the United Mine Workers of Illinois, says that the miners of the United States will make a demand for a material increase in wages at the national convention at Indianapolis on January 19.

Mr. Ryan says that the operators are receiving a larger price for coal than ever before, and they cannot make the excuse that the mines are not paying expenses.

Mr. Ryan says that the convention will produce figures to show that the total cost of mining a ton of coal and give the public an idea of the profit being reaped by the operators. Mr. Ryan will attend the convention and no doubt lead the fight for higher wages.

Department Didn't Dictate.

WASHINGTON.—The attention of the officers of the administration charged with the direction of Philippine affairs is being called to a dispatch from Rome to the effect that Secretary Hav has written the vatican that Mr. Messmer of Green Bay, Wis., is impossible for the position of Manila because of the fire brand speech he recently made before the Catholic Truth federation. The statement was made in most emphatic terms that there was absolutely no foundation for the story. It was further declared that in no single instance has the United States government allowed itself to be placed in the position of dictating the personality of any priest or church official who was to go to stay in the Philippines.

Banker Embezzles Large Sum.

LONDON.—G. N. Elder was remanded at the Guildhall police court, charged on his own confession with having embezzled \$75,000 from his employers, Brown, Shipley & Co., the American bankers. The embezzlements had been going on for three years.

NEBRASKA IN GENERAL

FAVORS MRS. LILLIE.

Tide of Public Sentiment Turning Toward Her.

DAVID CITY, Neb.—With all its highly colored details, and with the single exception that not a shot was fired, the tragedy in which Harvey Lillie lost his life the morning of October 24 was re-enacted Wednesday afternoon in the presence of Judge Skilles, Attorneys Walling, Evans and Harris for the state, Attorney Miller for the defense and J. S. Hill, the father of Mrs. Lillie, Coroner Sample and Dr. A. J. Stewart.

In the presence of those eight the details of the murder were rehearsed with the actual settings. Gruesome as it would naturally have been, it was made more so by the presence of a gray, ghastly skull, laid on the pillow where the dead man's head rested when found.

The scene was enacted to give Judge Skilles an accurate idea of the location of the room, in order that he might better judge of the testimony as it is given. Even the curtain, window and screen through which the second bullet was fired were hung in their accustomed places.

New Year's day came as a relief to Mrs. Lillie, the central figure. For three days she has been forced to sit in the court room and listen to the testimony of the witnesses. She had to hear how Harvey Lillie, her murdered husband's head was cut open, the skull sewed in pieces, the brain dissected and the dozen other little points that were taken into account at the autopsy. The efforts that have been necessary to suppress her feelings through all this ghastly recital have told on her to a pitiful extent.

Every one is discussing the evidence of the past few days and speculating on its significance. So far, nothing has been discovered that would reflect upon her in any way. In fact, several points have been brought out, such as contradictions of testimony and fact, that make her case all the stronger.

NEBRASKA'S INVESTMENTS.

State Has a Million and a Half Dollars Invested.

LINCOLN.—Auditor Charles Weston's balance sheet, issued January 1, shows that the state treasurer has on hand \$205,374.21, and that the investments now held by the state amount to nearly \$5,500,000. The total amount of trust funds on hand is \$2,678.38. This is made up of the following funds on hand: Permanent school fund, \$290.91; agricultural college endowment fund, \$674.51; permanent university fund, \$898.47; normal endowment, \$812.38.

The amount on hand December 1 was \$422,255.38. The receipts during the month were \$207,416.22, and the disbursements were \$434,297.39, leaving \$205,374.21 on hand at the opening of the new year. This is the smallest amount for which the treasurer has had to account within the past twenty years. When State Treasurer Meserve turned over the office to State Treasurer Stuefer he had on hand \$300,242.55. Of that amount \$91,639.48 was trust funds.

The investments of the state funds have grown, notwithstanding a great many bonds and securities have been paid off by counties. The total investment held by the state has grown from \$4,571,340.21 on August 31, 1901, to \$5,475,034.77 at the present time. These investments are as follows: School fund, \$5,090,291.66; agricultural college endowment, \$224,692.14; permanent university, \$101,050.97; normal endowment, \$59,000.

Gossip About Appointments.

LINCOLN.—Food Commissioner S. C. Bassett has decided to retain his office until the closing of the legislature. He had handed in a resignation to take effect much sooner, but at the request of Governor Mickey has consented to remain until April 1. It is rumored about the state capitol that Horace Clark, superintendent of the girls' industrial school at Geneva, and Commissioner A. V. Cole of the soldiers' home at Grand Island will be retained in their present positions.

Stockmen Will Meet.

LINCOLN.—L. C. Lawson, F. M. Tyrrell and Hon. Z. C. Branson are arranging for the program for the meeting in this city on January 22 and 23 of the Central Short-Horn Breeders' association. This will be one of the big gatherings of the year in Lincoln. From 300 to 500 lovers and breeders of short-horn cattle will be here. They come from all parts of the United States and Canada, and are a class of men whom it will be to the interest of Nebraska people to know. For six years the association has met yearly in Kansas City, but at the last session it was induced to come to Lincoln.

BRIEF NOTES.

J. T. Morey has been re-appointed as superintendent of the state school for the blind at Nebraska City.

In Dodge county the total chattel mortgages filed during 1902 was 926, amount, \$320,130.26; released 559, amount, \$268,309.94.

Congressman Robinson of Madison, who recently underwent an operation for appendicitis, is rapidly recovering, although still confined to his home.

S. G. Wright, for ten years proprietor of a drug store at Table Rock, has sold his business to F. M. Colwell of Pawnee City, and will go elsewhere.

John Noffsinger, the oldest resident of Dakota county, died in his 96th year. He headed a colony from Canada which settled near Dakota City in 1856.

By the blowing out of a plug in the flue of an Elkhorn engine at Petersburg, Brakeman Spencer Martin and Fireman Ed Rohoder were severely scalded.

Governor Mickey has appointed Mayor Moores of Omaha a colonel on his personal staff. Mayor Moores served under Governor Savage in a similar capacity.

The Second regiment band of Beatrice has been selected by Adjutant General Colby to play at the inauguration of Governor-elect Mickey at Lincoln, January 8.

Twelve families of Gypsies have gone into winter quarters near Beatrice. They are having their large living vans repaired and painted and getting ready for the road in the spring.

S. A. Teal, for thirty years master mechanic of the Fremont, Elkhorn & Missouri Valley railroad, with headquarters at Missouri Valley, has resigned and will be succeeded by Edward W. Pratt.

Sheriff John M. Kreader of Dodge county has resigned, in order to assume the duties of deputy collector of internal revenue. Deputy Sheriff Arthur Bauman has been appointed to fill the vacancy.

W. A. Townsend, a prominent Tecumseh business man, was administered an injection of morphine by his physician to relieve nervousness. He died twenty minutes later, presumably from the effects of the opiate.

Union Pacific engine 1718, attached to an extra freight train, left the rails while going on a sidetrack at the west end of the yards at Elkhorn. The wrecking crane came out from Omaha and put it back on the track. The engine received but small damage.

The women of the Helen Gould club met in open session at the home of Mrs. Fozzard, one of its members, in Rising City, New Year's eve. An interesting program was listened to, one of the principal features of which was a paper prepared and read by J. A. Reichenback on the subject of "Labor Unions."

The following is the mortgage record of Dodge county for the month of December, 1902: Farm mortgages recorded 11, amount \$25,458.06; released 18, amount \$23,254.56. Town and city mortgages recorded 7, amount \$4,345; released 15, amount \$6,945.67. Chattel mortgages filed 59, amount \$25,407.97; released 15, amount \$120,647.80.

Mrs. Charles Coburn, residing at Beatrice, attempted suicide by swallowing a quantity of morphine. A physician was summoned when it was discovered that she had swallowed the drug and succeeded in resuscitating her by the use of a stomach pump.

It is alleged that Mrs. Coburn had trouble with her husband the forepart of the week, which resulted in his leaving her.

The women of the W. S. A. society at Table Rock gave a New Year's reception at the fine parlors of Mrs. C. R. Smith from 2 p. m. till 5 p. m., at which the attendance was large. The parlors were decorated with holly, mistletoe and Spanish moss and the surface colors. The tables, with ferns, and a profusion of potted plants also adorned the rooms. The hostess and the officers of the society formed the receiving line.

The Farmers' Co-operative Grain and Live Stock association met at Arapahoe to complete the organization begun two weeks ago. R. B. Chambers was elected president, A. Dallemund secretary and Smith Paine treasurer. A board of five directors was elected and W. S. Curry was made manager to take charge of shipping, which will begin as soon as he can secure cars. The delegates chosen to the Lincoln meeting on January 22 were: A. Dallemund, W. S. Curry and J. P. Snyder. The association took membership in the central association. Over thirty charter members are enrolled, and nearly \$500 stock is now subscribed. Mr. Vincent of Omaha was present by invitation and lent his assistance in perfecting the organization.

Taxes on foreign visitors and residents are proposed to the Vaud Canton, Switzerland.

A LURKING DANGER.

There is a lurking danger in the aching back.

The aches and pains of a bad back tell of kidneys overworked. Go to the kidneys' assistance when backache pains warn you.

A kidney warning should be heeded, for dangerous diabetes quickly follows in the wake of backache.

Urinary disorders are serious and Bright's disease is near at hand. Read how the danger can be averted.

Case No. 15,741.—Rev. Jacob D. Van Doren, of 57 Sixth street, Fond du Lac, Wis., Presbyterian clergyman, says: "A man or woman who has never had kidney complaint or any of the little ills consequent upon irritated or inactive kidneys knows very little about what prolonged suffering is. I had attacks which kept me in the house for days at a time, unable to do anything, and to express what I suffered can hardly be adequately done in ordinary Anglo-Saxon. As time passed, complications set in, the particulars of which I will be pleased to give in a personal interview to any one who requires information. I used plenty of remedies, and, ever on the outlook for something that might check or benefit my condition, I began taking Doan's Kidney Pills. This I can conscientiously say, Doan's Kidney Pills caused a general improvement in my health. They brought great relief by lessening the pain and correcting the action of the kidney secretions."

A FREE TRIAL of this great kidney medicine, which cured the Rev. Jacob Van Doren, will be mailed on application to any part of the United States. Address Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y. For sale by all druggists. Price 50 cents per box.

Nine eyes and three mouths were possessed by a comble puppy born recently at Henley, England. It lived four hours.

Business Chances. The M. K. & T. Ry. has a well established Industrial Department, aiding in the selection of sites and locations for industries of all kinds along its lines. Write if you are interested. We will send book, "Business Chances," and any other information wanted, on request.—James Barker, Gen'l. Pass. Agent, M. K. & T. Ry., 501 Wainwright Bldg., St. Louis.

Sarah Bernhardt, the 8-year-old daughter of Maurice Bernhardt, will follow the footsteps of her illustrious grandmother and become an actress.

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Count Adami has presented to the Pope his magnificent villa near Chieti, Italy, and some 600 works of art contained therein.

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One Australian syndicate has offered General DeWet \$1,250 weekly and expenses for a lecturing tour in Australia.

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Efforts are being made in Paris to form a society for securing promptness and politeness from telephone attendants.

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